



Public Buildings & Parks Committee Agenda **August 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM**

Public Buildings & Parks Committee

Peg Conway, Chair
Ray Warren
Ben Hunt

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2021

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Signage at Amberley Green

ADJOURNMENT

Amberley Village Council – Public Buildings & Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

In attendance: Peg Conway (chair), Ray Warren (committee), Ben Hunt (committee), Scot Lahrmer, Rich Bardach, Jim and Ronna Willis, Ellen Garber, Dan Hoekzema, Nancy Moran, Colin Driscoll, Billy Gillman, Carrie Lipps [PLUS 16 OTHERS]

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of May 3 were accepted as submitted.

Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green

The chair stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear public comment on proposed ordinance 2021-8, Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green, and explained the process for attendees to sign up to speak. A total of 10 Amberley residents addressed the committee. Of these people, seven expressed support for a leash law based on safety reasons, rather than limited off-leash hours. Their experiences with dogs at Amberley Green included injury for one person and a near fall for another, as well as numerous unwelcome dog encounters. Many no longer walk at Amberley Green as a result. The other three speakers enjoy and value having their dogs off leash at Amberley Green. As alternative approaches, they suggested designating an “outer loop” for on-leash dog walking and an “inner loop” for off-leash, increased communication/signage, and doing a survey. They also suggested that people could avoid off-leash dogs by walking at the track or in French Park and expressed concern about dogs on leash becoming aggressive, which elicited objections from the people who support leashes.

The proposed ordinance will receive its second reading at the upcoming Council meeting on June 14. Any changes to the provisions of the ordinance will need to be proposed in that setting rather than in the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Peg Conway, Chair

Communication Plan for New Regulations at Amberley Green Effective August 26, 2021

The following measures will be undertaken to minimize confusion regarding the new rules, and clarify expectations of dog owners on the property:

Primary Signage

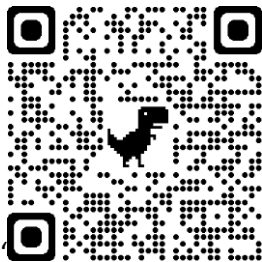
One major sign(s) will be posted between the two major trailheads near the parking lot indicating the new rules at Amberley Green as follows:

-Off-leash dogs, under control, are restricted to dawn to 9 a.m. and the hour prior to dusk (see information below).

-Dawn is defined as Sunrise.

-Dusk is defined as the hour prior to Sunset.

Amberley Village will utilize sunrise-sunset.org as the official reference guide for determining sunrise and sunset times. The website can be reached via the QR code below, and apps for both iOS and Android are available via the Apple Store and Google Play under SunCalc+. The app is free of charge but does contain ads. This app was selected because of its cross-platform availability, free access and simplicity of use. The website QR code will be included in signage as follows:



-A map will be developed for signage to outline areas where dogs will be required to be leashed at all times, including:

- Parking lot
- Around the clubhouse
- Around the Community Garden
- Around the tennis courts

-How to Report Violations

Signage will also include the phone number to the Amberley Village Police Department.

Secondary Signage/Delineators

Signage will also include markers throughout the property where off-leash dogs are restricted, as well as intermittent reminders to leash dogs while passing others on the Green. Temporary signage that can be placed out for events will be ordered as well.

Note: The QR code for the sunrise/sunset times could be included on these signs to encourage awareness of the time, as well as the number to report violations.

Website & Social Media

All signage information and links to resources, including the SunCalc+ app and website information, will be posted to the Village website and pushed out via social media.

Village Newsletters

Information will be included in E-News and in the Fall Print Newsletter, which is slated for distribution in late August/early September.

Flyers

Flyers will be made available both in info boxes at Amberley Green, and at the annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held three days following the AG rules taking effect.

Personnel at Amberley Green

Amberley Village will staff the AG for the first week the new ordinance takes effect to assist in communicating the new rules.

Establishment of an Ambassadors Group

Discussion was also held regarding the establishment of an Ambassadors Group of volunteers whose role would be to encourage compliance and positive engagement with users of Amberley Green. Further discussion would need to be held to determine how best to identify this group, as well as how best to train, outfit and/or guide them in their responsibilities.

Welcome to Amberley Green

This property is a former golf course owned by Amberley Village, currently undeveloped and made available to the community for walking and limited recreation. Enjoy its natural beauty!

Open hours are dawn to dusk, daily. Occasional Village events will impact hours or usage.

Residents and non-residents of Amberley must obtain a free parking sticker from the Police Department at 7149 Ridge Road.

Dogs are permitted under certain guidelines, but Amberley Green is not a dog park. Please familiarize yourself with all the dog regulations if your dog accompanies you.

The only restroom facilities are the portable toilet near the tennis courts.

Residents may purchase a key card for use of the tennis courts (Mount Notre Dame High School has priority use).

Dog Regulations

A dog at Amberley Green must be physically restrained on a leash except:

- from dawn to 9:00 a.m. and
- One hour prior to dusk, **defined as the hour prior to sunset as determined via sunrise-sunset.org, which can be reached via the QR code below.**



Even during off-leash hours, dogs must still be leashed in the parking lot and around the former clubhouse, community garden, and tennis courts.

Dogs off-leash during the permitted hours must be kept under control, defined as:

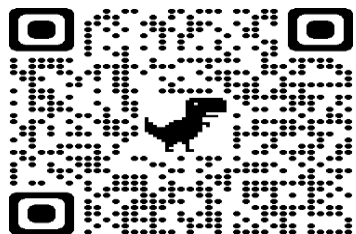
- Visible to you
- Comes to your side when called
- Stays by your side when instructed to do so, under any circumstances
- Refrains from chasing wildlife, animals, or other dogs against the caretaker's commands
- Refrains from jumping on or attempting to contact other individuals who may be walking on paths, or who otherwise may be near the dog.

Dogs unable to be kept under control as defined here must always be on leash.

You may not bring more than 3 dogs to Amberley Green at any one time. During permitted off-leash hours, you may not have no more than 2 unleashed dogs at any one time.

Please collect all fecal matter deposited by your dog(s) in an appropriate bag or receptacle and dispose of it in designated containers.

To report dog issues, please contact the Amberley Village Police Department at (513) 531-2040. For an emergency, call 911



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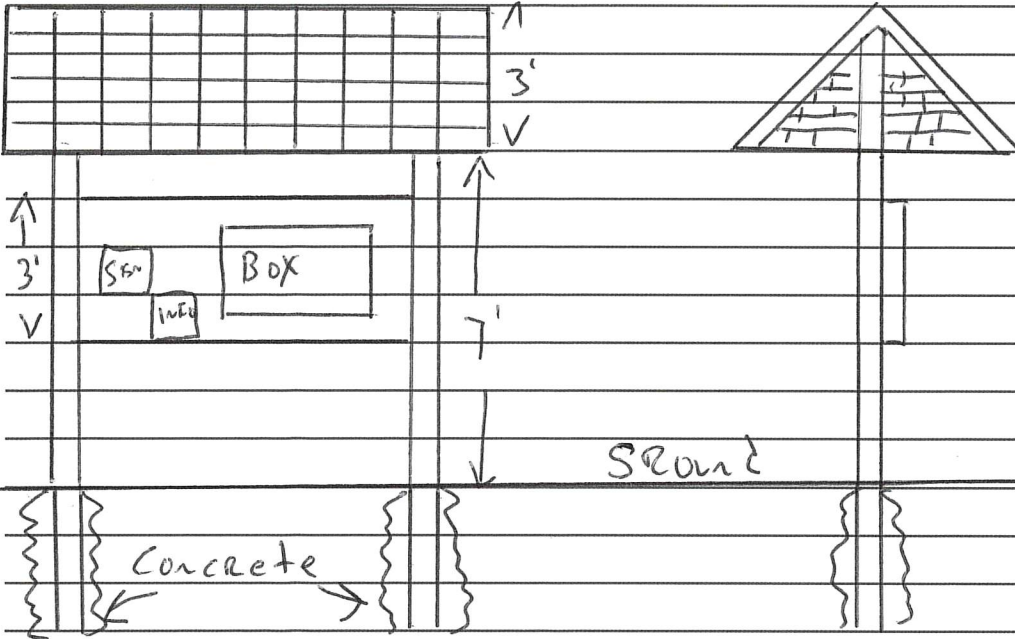
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Size Can Be Adjusted

6X6 OR 8X8 Post Pressure Treated
Cedar Shingles OR Asphalt Roof

With Ice Cream event MAY need more
TIME to build.

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